



Newly crowned Miss Aruba brightens the day of the residents of St. Michael's Pavijoen

On July 13, during a gala event at the Westin Aruba Resort, the beautiful and gracious Tracy Nicolaas was crowned Miss Aruba 2007-2008. She will represent Aruba in the Miss Universe Pageant in May of 2008, and this past Friday morning she discharged one of her first duties as Miss Aruba with a visit to the St. Michael Pavijoen, a residence for the elderly and disabled.

The visit by the radiant nineteen-year-old Tracy was a thrilling event for the residents of St. Michael's, who unanimously expressed that she is a worthy candidate to represent her island next year. Many came to greet Tracy personally, present her with small gifts, and to shower her with hugs and kisses. "We are praying that you will bring back the crown from Japan (where it is rumored next year's pageant will be) for your island of Aruba" many of them expressed to the gathering. St. Michael's has their own Carnival Queen Eleni and Prince Adrian, who offered a great deal of advice to the aspiring Miss Universe in art of beauty pageant competition.

Tracy in turn declared "I am very touched by your love and support, with positive thinking, I believe any of us can accomplish our goals. Knowing that I have you all behind me and wishing me well gives me the spirit and determination to do my best and go for the crown!" Privately, she revealed that she was so touched by their adoration and open hearts that during the visit she had to frequently hold back her tears.

For the residents of St. Michael's it was a delightful visit, as Tracy went to each of them, particularly those that were not ambulatory and could not come to her, to chat and dazzle them with her stunning smile. As the traditional music of the Caha d'Orgal, a regional instrument began to play Prince Adrian took Tracy's hand and led her and the rest of the residents in a dance of celebration for a memorable visit and morning at St. Michael's Pavijoen.